Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—I refer him to pages 24 and 25, where the President himself read out the full report in Council. It is all published.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—I ask whether there was any objection to give information to some of the creditors. Under section 17, the Government have acted on the petition presented by the Wards. We saw the petition signed by some of the creditors. It is the interest of the creditors that has to be protected. It is only in such cases that the Government is justified in taking over the estate under section 17.

President.—The Government did not consider it necessary to consult the creditors, but at the same time came to the conclusion that the interest of the debtors should be protected.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—The Government acted on the petition of one side only. I ask whether there is any objection to consult the creditors.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—You requested for information, and all information available we have given. It is all printed in the proceedings of the Council.

235. Mr. George Chakyamuri.—Will the Government be pleased to place on the table the corres pondence relating to the assumption of control by the Court of Wards over the estate of Mr. Sankaranainan Pillai?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—The Government do not consider that any public purpose will be served by placing the papers on the table.

236. Mr. George Chakyamuri.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether the Court of Wards has taken the properties of Mr. Sankaranainan Pillai only or the properties of Sankaranainan Pillai and his minor brother jointly as co-sharers ;

(b) whether the Court has taken charge of the person of Mr. Sankaranainan Pillai or his minor brother or both;

(c) if the person also is taken under the control of the Court, is any guardian appointed for such person or persons?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—(a). The Member is referred to the Diwan's Notification, dated 29th Makaram 1101 and published on page 279 of Part I of the Cochin Government Gazette, dated 2nd Kumbham 1101.

(b) No.

(c) No reply is necessary in view of the answer to (b) above.

237. Mr. George Chakyamuri.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—(a) under which section of the Court of Wards Regulation the Government have ordered the Court to

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take the properties of Mr. Sankaranainan Pillai under its superintendence ;

(b) have the Government satisfied themselves that the management of the estate of Mr. Sankaranainan Pillai and his minor brother by the Court will affect the public beneficially;

(c) if so, on what grounds;

(d) have the Government ascertained the public view in the matter, before ordering the Court to assume control over the estate ?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—(a). Under section 17.

(b) Yes.

(c) The estate itself and its numerous tenants and creditors should be saved from ruin.

(d) No.

238. Mr. George Chakyamuri.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—(a) whether they can assure this House from their experience of the estate of Mr. Sankaranainan Pillai that the liabilities of the estate do not exceed the assets;

(b) whether they are able to liquidate the debts of the estate within a reasonable time;

(c) if so, in what time and in what manner ;

(d) if with reference to sub-divisions (a) and (c) no definite answers can be given, will they be pleased to abandon the management of the estate so that public interest contemplated in section 17 of the Court of Wards Regulation may not be endangered ?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) It is too early at this stage to give any definite answer.

(d) The management was assumed chiefly to safeguard the interests of the estate and of all those who had claims on the estate. The necessity for abandoning it has not yet arisen.

239. Mr. George Chakyamuri.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether their attention has been drawn to the fact that the annual income from the estate of Mr. Sankaranainan Pillai falls far short of the interests on the liabilities;

(b) if the answer is in the negative, will the Government be pleased to ascertain from correctly obtained facts and figures whether it is so;

(c) the total amount of liabilities ascertained from claim petitions received hitherto under section 36 of the Court of Wards Regulation;

(d) how much of that amount are not binding on the minor and the family;

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